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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Heads of Fire Department

**FROM:** Peter J. Ostroskey  
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**DATE:** February 12, 2016

**RE:** **Nightclub Fire Safety Grant**

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The Department of Fire Services is the recipient of a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant from FEMA and the U.S. Fire Administration. The focus of the grant is fire safety in bars and nightclubs frequented by college aged people. The grant contains three major components:

**Video** - The department is partnering with the Center for Campus Fire Safety to develop a video and training material for college students on the importance of bar and nightclub fire safety.

**Training** - Staff from the Massachusetts Firefighter Training Academy and the Fire Safety Division are developing a training program for fire officials, building officials, and bar owners, managers and staff aimed at identifying, reducing or eliminating fire code violations. This program will be rolled out in the early spring and will be offered throughout the state.

**Joint Inspections** - Staff from the Division of Fire Safety will be conducting joint quality assurance field inspections of establishments throughout the state, again focused on bars and nightclubs frequented by college aged people. Each participating fire department will be contacted by a compliance officer approximately a week before the coordinated inspections. These joint inspections are intended to evaluate the effectiveness of the formal training provided above. Some of these inspections will be in conjunction with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

We look forward to working with the regulated and regulatory communities on the important endeavor. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Vigneau, Director of the division of Fire Safety at (978) 567-3301 or [paul.vigneau@state.ma.us](mailto:paul.vigneau@state.ma.us).